

NEWS and GOSSIP of WASHINGTON



Cuban Legation Is to Have a Handsome New Building

WASHINGTON.—Contracts have been let for a handsome new Cuban legation building, to be erected in Sixteenth street, in the section known as Meridian Hill. Plans for the legation have been drawn by Macneil & Macneil, architects, and work upon the structure will begin at once. It is expected that the legation will be ready for occupancy by the Minister and Mme. Cespedes next autumn. The plans call for a handsome three-story structure of limestone in Louis XV style, with elaborate formal gardens at the rear. The chancery and offices of the legation will occupy the first floor of the new building. The second or drawing-room floor will contain the reception rooms, the dining room, and a handsome ballroom across the rear of the house. A balcony will open from this room, with ornamental steps leading to the gardens. They are to be laid out on the formal English plan with a fountain as one of the most interesting features. The living quarters for the minister and his family will occupy the third floor. The house will be built around a center hall, open from the ground floor to the rotunda on the third floor. A monumental stairway will lead to the drawing room, and at its head will be placed a colossal painting by a Cuban.

Pan-American Building Capitol of the Americas

"THE capitol of the Americas"—such, it has been declared, is the relation of the Pan-American building in Washington to all the republics of the western hemisphere. And within this capitol building is a room, beautiful enough to attract attention as a show room, and yet significant enough in the purpose it serves, to be designated as a "holiness of holiness."

This room is the so-called governing-board room, where meet the plenipotentiaries of 21 nations who constitute the governing board of the Pan-American Union, to discuss and act upon questions that concern the welfare of the Americas.

In this meeting place of nations every thought has been carried out by architects, artists and decorators to stimulate the ideal of pan-Americanism. In a setting of brown and gold have been placed pieces of furniture which accented with every line of grace and beauty the general suggestion of Latin America.

A great oval table, 20 feet long, of highly polished Dominican mahogany occupies the central space of the floor. Around it are grouped 21 massive chairs, each covered with Spanish leather, and carved across the upper part of the back with the name and coat-of-arms of the country whose representative occupies it. When these chairs are not in use, a heavy cord, in which are entwined threads matching every color in the flags of the different nations of the union, encircles them, symbolizing the unanimity of purpose that is existent at all times among the republics.

The walls are covered with dull yellow brocade up to the line of a bronze frieze. The side lights and central chandelier are of bronze wrought with conventional designs after the pattern of the aboriginal art of the Aztecs and the Incas.

The frieze is the crowning glory of the room. Its bas relief figures, telling the story of the discoveries and conquests of the American continents, testify to the slow growth of a civilization which makes possible the existence of the room itself and the spirit of the meetings that are held within it.

Enormous Mass of Campaign Literature Sent Out

ENOUGH white paper, in strips nine and a half inches wide, to circle the earth five times and still leave a surplus was used to print political speeches made by members of congress and sent out from the government printing office for use in the late campaign from June 1 to October 1.

The campaign was remarkable for the use of literature and for the publicity given to speeches, prophecies and statements by political leaders on both sides. Figures obtained at the government printing office show that, from June 1 to October 1, 48,000,000 copies of speeches of senators and representatives and political leaders were printed for distribution. Taking three feet of paper as an average for the speeches, a grand total of 144,000,000 feet, or 125,337 miles, of paper were used in printing these speeches. Some of the speeches, however, ran 30 feet long, and three feet per speech is considered a very conservative estimate.

In printing this vast number of speeches, all of which appeared at one time or another in the Congressional Record, it is estimated that 3,000 pounds of ink were used and 600 pounds of paste in putting the pages together. The labor involved in the printing of the speeches cost about \$5,000 and the paper used \$43,000.

Of course, the members of congress themselves, the campaign committees and individuals paid for the printing of these speeches. So the cost of the labor, the paper, the ink, the paste, etc., was not charged up to Uncle Sam. But there are certain features of the business of printing and circulating such speeches which must be charged to the government, among them the transmission of the speeches through the mails free under frank—no small item. Also, the work of printing reports for the government departments was delayed along with other government work while the speeches for campaign use were reeled out by the mile.

Goddess of Liberty on Capitol Is 53 Years Old

ON THE second of December the Goddess of Liberty, which surmounts the dome of the capitol, was fifty-three years old. The average woman of fifty-three, although a bit reconciled to her age, tries in many little ways to make her friends think she is just a few years younger, but Miss Columbia cannot resort to a subterfuge of this sort, for both her age and weight are fully known.

She was erected in 1863, when Washington was under military rule during the Civil war; she was the work of Thomas Crawford, the sculptor, and was cast at Bladensburg, Md. She is made entirely of bronze, and the points of her crown are tipped with gold. The statue weighs 14,985 pounds and is 19 feet 6 inches in height. The history of the goddess is an interesting one. The statue was cast in five sections, which were placed together under the direction of an Italian. The task was so skillfully executed that it was impossible to discern the cracks. When it was desired to take the statue apart in order to get it up on the dome of the capitol a negro, recently emancipated, offered to find the seams. He adjusted block and tackle and, after much twisting and turning, his efforts were rewarded and the Goddess of Liberty showed her seams. So, after remaining a year in front of the capitol, she was placed on top of the dome and a national salute of 13 guns was fired simultaneously by 13 stations in honor of Miss Columbia. She has been struck by lightning several times, but, as she was fully prepared for such an emergency, no damage was done.

Thoughtful Bobbie.
When Bobbie went to see his grandmother he was much interested in whatever went on in the kitchen. One morning she said to him: "I'm going to make you a nice little pie in a saucer, Bobbie, all for yourself. Don't you think I'm pretty good to take so much trouble?" Bobbie thought about it a moment. "Grandma," he said, "mamma told me not to be a bother, and if it's going to be any trouble you can just as well make my pie the regular size."

Facts Versus Fancy.
"I am sure, Maggie," said the mildly critical mother-in-law, "that any woman ought to be satisfied with what John says he gives you." "So would I be with what he says he gives me," snapped Maggie.

Ingenuous Calculator.
A calculator that shows the money values of one country in the terms of several others and applies the values to various weights and measures has been invented by an Englishman.

EAGLETS.

John J. Calnan, the well known plumber at 440 South Dearborn street, makes friends out of everybody he does business with by his straightforward methods.

Stillman B. Jamieson is one of the coming men in the Republican party. He is honest and able.

H. Schmidt of 357 Center street has a host of friends who would back him for public office.

John Z. Vogelsang is the dean of Chicago restaurant men.

William F. Quinnan, "the father of Edgewater," has a host of friends all over Chicago.

John B. Knight of 72 West Washington street is one of the leaders in the real estate world.

The Lyon Brand tires are in great demand. The Auto Tire Sales Company at 1346 Michigan avenue, of which T. S. Shattuc is the manager, never hear anything but words of praise for the Lyon Brand, of which they sell an immense number, both at wholesale, to the trade and retail to private individuals.

George W. Paulin, the great furrier, has made a business record for honesty and integrity that wins for him hosts of friends.

Harry E. Kellogg, the popular proprietor of the Blue Ribbon Laundry at 513 North Clark street, is building up a fine business.

John Z. Vogelsang has done much to make the restaurant the attractive feature of Chicago life that it is today.

Matt Aller would make a good City Treasurer. He is a sterling Democrat and has worked hard to put many good men into public office.

Dow B. Lewis would make a good County Commissioner.

A. T. Koehn of 1109 Webster avenue, is frequently mentioned for Alderman of the Twenty-fourth ward, although he is not looking for any office himself.

Edward J. Birk, the well known brewer, makes friends everywhere he goes and would make a great race for public office if he would allow his name to be used.

Henry Stuckart made a good record as City Treasurer, a good record as South Town assessor and a good record as alderman. He certainly will make a good record as county treasurer.

Henry J. Horn, principal of the Gregg School at 6 North Michigan Avenue, has brought this deservedly popular educational institution to a high degree of perfection. Professor Horn for over twenty years has borne an honored reputation among the educators of the country.

One of the very best Aldermen in the City Council, is Edward F. Cullerton. He has been longest in the public service of any member of the City Council and his usefulness to the people has been demonstrated over and over again.

John D. Gallivan, the veteran letter carrier, is one of the most popular men in the service of Uncle Sam.

Charles S. Thornton, the well known lawyer, has honored every office he ever filled from president of the board of education to corporation counsel.

W. L. Bodine, the efficient chief of the bureau of compulsory education, has made a nation wide name for his department.

Judge Thomas F. Scully has made a splendid record in the County Court. The people have confidence in him and their confidence has never been misplaced, either when the judge was on the Municipal bench or in his present responsible position.

Jeremiah B. O'Connell, the able lawyer, has thousands of admirers who want to see him on the judicial bench.

Clarence S. Darrow is always the friend of the poor and the downtrodden and no one stands higher at the bar.

Harry W. Cooper reports a big demand for Batavia tires. They are more popular than ever.

Popular Jack Henderson would make a good member of the State Board of Equalization.

Herman Weber, for years the popular proprietor of the Union Hotel and restaurant, is working hard to advance the business of the Chicago Puncture-Proof Tire Company, of which his son, E. B. Weber, is the Chicago agent. This company manufactures pneumatic tire casings which are guaranteed to go 4,500 miles without a puncture or a blowout.

C. A. Smith, the veteran piano-maker, is respected by all who know him.

Judge Scully made a fine record on the Municipal Court bench. He is making even a better one as County Judge.

Nelson N. Lampert is the strongest Republican candidate named for State Treasurer.

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